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Provider Notice 02-06

The Alabama Medicaid Agency will implement new contracts for its Maternity Care programs in all Alabama counties (except Mobile County) on June 1, 2002.

In order for Medicaid to compensate providers for maternity care services, eligible pregnant women must receive their maternity care from the Primary Care Contractor for the district in which they reside. **Medicaid recipients who are not required to participate in the Maternity Care program include:**

- 1) Those recipients who have both Medicare and Medicaid,
- 2) Women who are members of a federally recognized Indian tribe,
- 3) Females under age 19 who are on SSI,
- 4) Children certified for Medicaid under specific Medicaid waiver programs for the physically and mentally disabled (institutional deeming)
- 5) Foster children or children in other out-of-home placement,
- 6) Certain disabled children who participate in Medicaid-recognized specialty clinics.

For pregnant women who currently reside in a Maternity Care program county, the following applies:

1. If the recipient is in her third trimester (27 weeks or greater as of June 1, 2002) and the physician who the patient has been seeing is not enrolled with the new Primary Contractor, then the woman may be granted an exemption to remain with that provider until delivery. The exemption request must be coordinated through the new Primary Contractor. The Primary Contractor will be responsible for coordinating the exemption with Medicaid. Such exemptions must be received by July 31, 2002.
2. If the recipient does not qualify for the third trimester exemption as described above, she will be required to enroll with the new Primary Contractor for her district. The Primary Contractor for her district will become responsible for services provided to her beginning 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2002.

If you are interested in being a subcontractor under the new program or have further questions, please contact the Primary Contractor for your district. If you currently are providing services to pregnant women who reside in one of the districts below, please contact the Primary Contractor to set up a transition plan.

Providers with questions regarding the Maternity Care program in these counties should contact Medicaid at (334) 242-5524.

Signed: 

Mike Lewis, Commissioner

Attachment

Distribution List:

Alabama State Medical Association	Alabama Hospital Association	EDS
Alabama Primary Care Association	Medical Association of the State of Al	ACOG - Alabama

Our Mission - to provide an efficient and effective system of financing health care for our beneficiaries.



Alabama Dept. of Public Health	Medicaid Agency Staff	Alabama Academy Family Practice
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Maternity Care Program Awards
Attachment to Provider Notice 02-06

<i>District</i>	<i>Counties</i>	<i>Primary Contractor</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
District 1	Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale and Marion	HealthGroup of Alabama (Best Start)	(256) 533-8152
District 2	Jackson, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan	HealthGroup of Alabama (Best Start)	(256) 533-8152
District 3	Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, DeKalb and Etowah	Quality of Life	(256) 492-0131
District 4	Bibb, Fayette, Lamar, Pickens and Tuscaloosa	Alabama Health Network (First Steps)	(205) 345-1905
District 5	Blount, Chilton, Cullman, Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby, Walker and Winston	Alabama Maternity, Inc. (Steps Ahead)	(205) 558-7405
District 6	Clay, Coosa, Randolph, Talladega and Tallapoosa	Gift of Life Foundation	(334) 272-1820
District 7	Greene and Hale	Alabama Health Network (First Steps)	(205) 345-1905
District 8	Choctaw, Marengo and Sumter	Bryan Whitfield Hospital (HealthStart)	(334) 287-2673
District 9	Dallas, Perry and Wilcox	Alabama Health Network (First Steps)	(205) 345-1905
District 10	Autauga, Bullock, Butler, Crenshaw, Elmore, Lowndes, Montgomery and Pike	Gift of Life Foundation	(334) 272-1820
District 11	Barbour, Chambers, Lee, Macon and Russell	Maternity Services of District 11 (Small Wonders)	(334) 291-5300
District 12	Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Covington, Escambia, Monroe and Washington	SW Alabama Maternity Care Program (Gift of Life)	(334) 743-7498
District 13	Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston	SE Alabama Maternity Care Program	(334) 712-3784